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Curtis R. Scharf et al.

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Examiner: E. McAvoy

Response

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2000, for which a three month period of response is given. A petition and fee for a three month extension of time accompanies this response. With November 11 being Saturday and November 12 being Sunday, this paper is considered timely filed with the extension of time. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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